(b) what was the amount given by the Central Government as grant during the said period;

(c) whether the Central Government have any proposal for raising the revenue in the Union Territory of Pondicherry by changing the tax pattern equalising it to that in other States; and

(d) if so, when it will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Income realised from Central Sales-tax is Rs. 91.75 lakhs. The amount realised under Central excise is Rs. 903.20 lakhs. Since there is no separate Commissioner for Income-tax, Pondicherry figures are not separately available However, entire proceeds under Central Sales-tax, Income-tax and Central Excise are credited to Government of India and no portion of these taxes is allocated in favour of Union Territory of Pondicherry.

(b) Rs. 2196 69 lakhs

(Rs. 1603.43 lakhs—Plan)

(Rs. 593.26 lakhs—Non Plan)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Dowry deaths in Delhi

3191. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) how many deaths have taken place due to non-payment of dowry in Delhi during the year 1984-85 and till 31st October, 1985;

(b) whether any prosecution have been launched under the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 and other laws; and

(c) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) During the year 1984-85 (1-4-1984 to 31-3-85) 50 cases of deaths were reported for non-payment of dowry while 32 such cases were reported during the period from 1-4-1985 to 31-10-1985 in the Union Territory of Delhi.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Details of the prosecution launched and persons arrested are as under:—

Period	Cases reported	Persons arrested
1-4-1984 to 31-3-1985	50	115
1-4-1985 to 31-10-1985	32	80

Visit of the Nicaraguan Minister of External Relations to India

3192. SHRI RAMACHANDRA BHARDWAJ:
SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nicaraguan Minister of External Relations visited New Delhi in the third week of November, 1985;

(b) if so, what issues of bilateral and international importance were discussed with him; and

(c) what was the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Matters of bilateral and international interest were discussed.

(c) The discussion helped both sides understand each others Points of view.